

**Minutes of a Meeting of St Ives Town Council
held on Wednesday 10 November 2021 in the Corn Exchange**

Present:

Town Mayor: Councillor P Hussain

Deputy Town Mayor: Councillor P Pope

Councillors: R D'Souza, N Dibben, A Dickinson, T Drye, J Kerr, M King, S Mokbul, J Pallant, C Pegoraro, J Tiddy, N Wells

In attendance:

Locum Clerk: N Sewell

Democratic Officer: S Rawlinson

The Town Mayor's Chaplain said Prayers prior to the start of the Meeting.

C118.00 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J Parkin and R Fuller (both Personal), D Rowe and C Smith (both business commitments).

C119.00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item C137.00 – Councillor Drye – Other interest due to a close acquaintance with the parties concerned. He would leave the meeting before discussion on this item.

C120.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Agenda Item C123.03 – Planning Minutes

Councillor N Wells was asked to confirm the declaration of interest he made at the Planning Committee on 23 June (PL04.01).

The Councillor confirmed that his declaration on Application 21/00648/FUL should read that he was an acquaintance of the applicant and not the agent.

Agenda Item C124.05 – Appeal

The appellant stated that at the last Council meeting the Town Mayor had agreed that a full response would be provided and copied to the meeting. This had not been forthcoming 157 days after the appeal had been lodged. He requested that a response be provided as soon as possible.

Proposed Canoe Business on The Quay

The proprietor of a canoe hire business currently based in Godmanchester informed Members he was keen to expand his business into St Ives.

He hoped to work from a pontoon near The Quay. The business had hired more than 2,000 canoes in the last year and having a facility in St Ives would, he believed, have a very positive impact on local hospitality and retail venues. He had been in contact with the County and District Councils and the Environment Agency who were all supportive and had asked him to contact the Town Council.

It was agreed that the Planning and the Amenities Committees discuss the above proposals at their next meetings on 24 November.

C121.00 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 October 2021 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

Chairman's
Initials

C122.00 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members received and noted the list of Mayoral engagements.

The Town Mayor reminded Members of the Armistice commemoration to be held the following day and the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 14th.

C123.00 COMMITTEE MATTERS

The Minutes of the following committees were presented and consideration given to any Recommendations therein:

C123.01 Amenities Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2021 were received and noted.

C123.02 Personnel Committee

Members noted that the meeting on 20 October 2021 had been inquorate.

C123.03 Planning Committee

The Minutes of 23 June would be amended to reflect the comment made in Public Participation. The Minutes of 14 July, 13 October and 27 October 2021 were received and noted.

C123.04 Property Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October were received and noted.

Consideration was given to the **Recommendation** that the Corn Exchange roof budget should be preserved and added to annually to cover future repairs/replacement of the roof.

RESOLVED: that agreement in principle be given and the issue looked at in more detail when setting budgets.

C123.05 Norris Trust

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021 were received and noted.

C213.06 Appeals Panel

It was reported that a response to the complaint had been re-drafted and the Council was awaiting legal advice on this before proceeding further.

C213.07 Neighbourhood Plan

The notes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021 were received and noted.

C124.00 REVIEW OF TOWN HALL OPENING TIMES

Consideration was given to the recommendation from the last meeting that staff continue with the hybrid home and office working arrangement.

RESOLVED: that the recommendation be implemented and a review conducted in six months' time.

C125.00 CCTV SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Members gave consideration to correspondence and Service Level Agreement for CCTV services.

RESOLVED: **C125.01** that the information be received and noted

C125.02 that the annual charges of £15,569.29 for 2021/22 and £23,538.44 for 2022/23 be agreed

Chairman's
Initials

C125.03 that a letter be sent from the Town Mayor thanking HDC for upgrading this important system

C126.00 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Members noted that the Town Hall would be closed from noon on Friday 24 December until 9.00 am on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

C127.00 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES

C127.01 Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre

The Area Manager's Report for July-September was received and noted.

C128.00 ROLLING PROGRAMME

Members were in receipt of the Rolling Programme.

RESOLVED: C128.01 that the Programme be received and noted.

C128.02 that agreement to the proposed new bus stop on Houghton Road be progressed.

C128.03 that progress with Erica Road footpath be added to the Rolling Programme.

C129.00 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that the Orders for Payment schedule be received and noted.

C130.00 BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

RESOLVED: that the Statement be received and noted.

C131.00 BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the budget report be received and noted.

C132.00 POLICE REPORT

No report had been received.

C133.00 CCTV REPORT

Reports had been provided late and had been emailed to Members earlier that day.

C134.00 COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

No report was received.

C135.00 DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

No report was received.

C136.00 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

[Councillor T Drye left the Meeting]

Chairman's
Initials

C137.00**LEGAL MATTERS**

Consideration was given to the procurement of legal advice from specialist solicitors.

A quotation had been received from a law firm recommended by NALC for four hours work at a fee of £225 plus VAT. There was currently £1400 in budget for legal work.

RESOLVED: that the specialist firm be engaged at the fee quoted with the proviso that work be capped at five hours maximum.

C138.00**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: that the confidential business having been concluded the Press and the Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Town Mayor:

Dated: 8 December 2021

Chairman's
Initials